

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 3, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(371) In the matter of MCI Telecommunications Corp. - Docket N98.7.163; On July 17, 1998, MCI Telecommunications filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-16, reflecting the following:

(1) to change the name of Basic Calling Plan Option to Basic Calling Plan Option 1; (2) to introduce Basic Calling Plan Option 2 to Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial); and (3) to add the Advanced Option II for Small Business Savings Plan to Option X (Advanced Option II for Small Business). Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Transmittal Letter No. 98-16. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL

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APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Karen Hammel

(372) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West's 271 filing and related motions and discovery matters - Docket D97.5.87; Commissioner Oberg moved to appoint Martin Jacobson as special master to conduct in camera review of material which is the subject of Order 5982e. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Eric Eck

(373) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of WorldCom-MCI merger - Docket D97.10.191; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve order in MCI/WorldCom merger. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary
(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 4, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe were absent, left some votes, proxies and did not leave votes on issues as identified below.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(374) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Other Common Carriers - Docket 94.2.8; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to draft an order closing the OCC

docket.

Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0.

Commissioners

McCaffree and Rowe did not leave votes or proxies on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(375) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC Rate Rebalancing

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Docket

D96.12.220; Commissioner Oberg moved to deny Ronan Telephone Company's

Consumer

Advisory

Committee's motions for additional proceedings and granted Ronan CAC's request in the alternative

that is late-filed exhibits be admitted in the record. The record will include

letters from consumers,

letters from parties in response to Commission notices and comment request, the

transcript from the

Ronan public hearing and the three exhibits from that hearing. Commissioner

Anderson seconded the

motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe did

not leave votes or

proxies on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(376) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Request for Annual Report Protective Order -

Docket N98.6.148; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the protective order as requested by US West

for Schedule 27 - Salary Information. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion,

which passed with a

vote of 4-1. Commissioner Fisher voted Commissioner McCaffree aye.

Commissioner Anderson cast

Commissioner Rowe's proxy aye.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(377) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West/AT&T Arbitration - D96.11.200;

Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to draft an order consistent with staff and consultant

recommendations on the contract between US West and AT&T on interconnection issues.

Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner

Anderson cast

Commissioner McCaffree's proxy aye. Commissioner Rowe left a written vote aye.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(378) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Three Rivers - T97.110.PCN; Commissioner

Anderson moved to adopt the proposed order as the final order. Commissioner Oberg seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson cast Commissioner McCaffree's proxy

aye. Commissioner Rowe left a written vote aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, August 5, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe were absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(379) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West's 271 filing -
Docket D97.5.87;
Commissioner Oberg moved to approve an order appointing special master for discovery issue and accompanying subpoena duces tecum. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, August 6, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not leave a vote.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(380) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West's 271 filing -
Docket D97.5.87;
Commissioner Rowe moved to permit Montana Wireless to withdraw from the case.
Commissioner
Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, August 6, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not leave a vote.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(381) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West and AT&T Arbitration- Docket D96.11.200; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the order with the Commission's findings on the contract of AT&T and USWC implementing the Commission's arbitrated decision on interconnection issues. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 10, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were absent, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(382) In the matter of Sprint Communications Company - Docket N98.7.167; On July 23, 1998, Sprint Communications Company filed changes to its Montana PSC Price List No. 1. The changes are to decrease Spree Prepaid FONCARD, decrease Sprint/Kroger Prepaid Calling Card, and make changes to Directory Assistance. The Directory Assistance changes specify that

a fee will apply
whether or not the DA operator furnishes the requested number. An option is
also being added to
allow the customer to complete a call to the number received from DA without
hanging up and dialing
the number. A call completion charge applies in addition the DA per-call
charge
if the customer
accepts this offer. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the changes.
Commissioner Oberg
seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson,
Rowe
and Fisher voted
aye and Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck

Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(383) In the matter of TN1939; Darryl A. Lien & Kimberly J. Lien dba
Lienco
Tours, Troy,
Montana request the cancellation of PSC No. 9386 effective immediately.

Class B - Passengers 1) between points with Lincoln and Sanders Counties
with all
such transportation originating or terminating in Troy, Montana, and 2)
between
Troy,

Montana and Glacier International Airport located in Flathead County.

Limitations:

Transportation by limousines is prohibited. Carrier is limited to
transportation between
April 1 and September 30 of each year.

Commissioner Oberg moved to cancel PSC No. 9386. Commissioner McCaffree
seconded the motion,
which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(384) In the matter of TN1940; Hall Transit Charter Service, Inc., Great
Falls, Montana requests the
cancellation of PSC No. 1766 effective immediately.

Class A - Persons and express between Kalispell, Whitefish, Columbia
Falls, Glacier Park,
Browning and Great Falls, Montana, over U.S. Highway No. 93, Montana Highway
No.
40,

U.S. Highway No. 2 and U.S. Highway No. 89.

Limitations: Regular bus and light express service shall be rendered to
the town or village of
Pendroy in connection with the operation herein above authorized. The light
express service
herein authorized is to be conducted on the passenger motor busses operated
over
the route and
the amount of express or baggage that may be carried shall not be greater than
can be safely
and conveniently carried without causing discomfort to the passengers.

Class B - Persons by charter from any point authorized to be served in
regular Class "A"
service to any and all points in the State of Montana. This certificate is
incident to certificate
of public convenience and necessity, M.R.C. No. 1766, authorizing Class "A"
service and may
not be separately sold or leased.

Limitations: (a) The hiring of charter service must be for the entire vehicle and solicitation of individual passengers to constitute a load is prohibited. (b) The charter trip must originate or terminate in the area authorized to be served by the carrier in regular Class "A" service. (c) Charter service, except to schools, churches, lodges or community and service organizations, is prohibited unless the one way trip is in excess of ten (10) miles.

Class A - Persons, baggage and express from intersection of U.S. #89 and Mont. #216, 9 miles north of Dupuyer, Montana to Valier, Montana, via Mont. #216, thence to Cut Bank, Montana, via Mont. #358 and U.S. #2, thence to Browning, Montana, via U.S. #2, serving all intermediate points, subject to the following:

Limitations: The transportation of express originating in Great Falls, Montana, and destined to Cut Bank, Montana, is to be prohibited.

Class A - Persons between Browning, Montana and Havre, Montana, via U.S. Highway No. 2.

Class B - Passengers in charter service from Cascade, Chouteau, Fergus, Flathead, Glacier, Hill, Judith Basin, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Pondera, Teton, and Toole counties to any point in the State of Montana and return.

Limitations: (1) The hiring of charter service must be for the entire vehicle and solicitation of individual passengers to constitute a load is prohibited. (2) The charter trip must originate in the counties authorized by this authority. (3) Transportation within Lewis & Clark County is restricted to that which originates in and returns to Augusta, Montana.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to cancel PSC No. 1766. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 10, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were absent, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Robin McHugh, Karen Hammel

(385) In the matter of the US West Forbearance Application - Docket No. N98.8.175; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant US West until August 12th at 5:00 p.m. to respond to objections to the forbearance application.. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 11, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were absent, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(386) In the matter of Montana Dakota Utilities Monthly Tracker Annual True Up - Docket No. D98.4.82; Commissioner Oberg moved to adopt the order approving the MDU gas tracker true up with review at the end of one more year actual experience of the monthly tracking mechanism. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney

(387) In the matter of Cenex Pipeline - Docket No. D98.6.116; Commissioner McCaffree moved to adopt the final order granting the name change. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(388) In the matter of the filings of USBC plans as required by SB396; Commissioner Oberg moved to notice USBC filings noticed for a 20 day comment period. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe did not leave a vote on this matter.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney and Dave Burchett

(389) In the matter of Licensure of Natural Gas Suppliers; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the request of commercial Energy, Montana Power Trading and Marketing & Energy Resources for a protective order for certain information in license applications. Commissioner Oberg move to grant Commercial Energy, Montana Power & Trading Co. and Energy West approval of permanent gas marketing license, deny Trans Ca, Duke Solutions and Prairielands, but allow interims to remain in effect. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Anderson did not leave a vote.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(390) In the matter of Gas Pilot Program of Montana Power Company - Docket No. D98.2.28; Commissioner McCaffree moved to adopt the final order approving the stipulation. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted

aye.

APPEARANCE

Jay Driscoll, Wendy Fuller, Kate Whitney, Martin Jacobson, Karen Hammel and Mike Lee

(391) In the matter of USWC 271 filing - Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action giving US West until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday August 12, 1998, to respond to the joint intervenors motion for summary judgement and related suggestions of Touch America and MCC and further give US West until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13, 1998 to respond to the motion of AT&T to strike rebuttal testimony. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe did not leave a vote.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin, Dan Elliott

(392) In the matter of Budget and out of State Travel; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant out of state travel for Wendy Fuller to attend the New Mexico State University training program in Albuquerque, NM, October 17- 25. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Oberg, Anderson, Rowe and Fisher voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 12, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair

Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe were absent, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson

(393) In the matter of Kitty Keller dba Big Sky Paramedics - Docket No. T98.113.PCN;
Commissioner moved to grant a partial grant of authority and adopt the final order. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Friday, August 14, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney, Mike Lee, Wendy Fuller and Jay Driscoll

(394) In the matter of US West 271 Filing - Docket No. 98.5.87;
Commissioner Rowe moved to deny motion of joint intervenors to strike U S West rebuttal testimony. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the motion of joint intervenors for summary judgment without prejudice. Commissioner Oberg seconded, the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe move to vacate hearing and allow expedited additional discovery of U S West rebuttal. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to require US West to supply all data it intends to submit to the FCC for its 271. Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(395) In the matter of US West Rate Restructuring - Docket No. D96.12.220; commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order which accept the MCC /US West stipulation as modified to adopt staff two tier postage toll rate, US West's modification to business measured rates, plus changes already agreed on for low income, residential measured rates and strong. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Fishers, Oberg and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 17, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was absent and did not leave his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(396) In the matter of Project Telephone Co - Docket N98.8.173, On August 4, 1998, Project Telephone Co filed changes to its Vacation Service tariff. Reference to operator service is eliminated and clarification is made to the text relating to restoral of service. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(397) In the matter of Valley Telecommunications - Docket N98.8.174, On August 4, 1998, Valley Telecommunications filed changes to its Vacation Service tariff. Reference to operator service is eliminated and clarification is made to the text relating to restoral of service. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(398) In the matter of Project Telephone Co. - Docket N98.8.176, On August 5, 1998, Project Telephone Company filed for a boundary change to the Crow Agency exchange to serve a customer who had no service. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the boundary change. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(399) In the matter of U S West Communications - Docket N98.7.166, On July 22, 1998, US West filed tariff pages adding features to the list of services available in the business packages. Optional Calling Plans will include two new features: Business Daytime Connection Plus; and Volume Calling Connection. Listing Services will include: Internet E-mail White Page Listing; and Internet URL (website address) White Page Listing. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the changes. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(400) In the matter of Central Montana Communications, Inc. - Docket N98.7.171, On July 30, 1998, Central Montana Communications filed tariff pages decreasing the internet plans' rates and adding new rates and plans. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 17, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was absent and did not leave his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist, Joel Tierney and Eric Eck

(401) In the matter of Pacificorp Restructuring - Docket No. 97.7.91; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action identifying issues related to sale, set hearing on nonsale issues of September 21- 25 for non-sale issues and November 30 - December 4 for sale issues. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Martin Jacobson

(402) In the matter of Cascade Gas Co. - Docket No. D97.12.228; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue an order approving stipulation. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(403) In the matter of Great Falls Gas Restructuring - Docket No. 98.3.68; Commissioner Anderson moved to overrule Great Falls Gas objection and deny Great Falls Gas motion to compel answers to GFG data Requests #3, #13 to commercial Energy. Commissioner Rowe seconded

the
motion, which
passed with a vote of 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Dave Burchett and Martin Jacobson

(404) In the matter of Year 2000 Inquiry - Docket No. 98.6.138;
Commissioner
Anderson moved to
issue an Notice of inquiry and issue list, subject to editing. Commissioner
McCaffree seconded the
motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Lee

(405) In the matter of US West Forbearance - Docket No. 98.8.175;
Commissioner Rowe moved to
deny USWC's application based on the absence of competition in the statewide
area requested. The
order will provide guidance as to the requirements of an application. Staff
will set a conference with
the parties. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed with a
vote of 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was
adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held
at
the Commission's
Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 24, 1998, the following members
were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent but left written votes with the Commission
Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(406) In the matter of Havre Pipeline - Docket D98.6.127; Montana Power Trading & Marketing Company filed for late intervention in this Docket. This will not affect proceedings in this Docket. Commissioner Oberg moved to grant late intervention. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(407) In the matter of US West Communications - Docket N98.7.165; On July 22, 1998, US West Communications filed to introduce LAN Switched Service on a deregulated basis. LAN Switched Service is an interconnection service which uses ATM packet switching technology to provide customers high-speed data connections. No comments or objections have been received. A staff memo has been distributed. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(408) In the matter of Sprint Communications Company - Docket N98.8.180; On August 10, 1998, Sprint filed tariff pages to: add a monthly usage credit option to Sprint Sense AnyTime; introduce Sprint Prepaid PhoneCard; change Sprint Sense residential toll free off-peak rate periods and add a per-month call waiver; and decrease Business Sense Dial 1, 800 and FONCARD rates for \$25 non-term commitment levels. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff page filing. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree did not leave a vote on this issue.

(409) In the matter of Project Telephone Company - Docket N98.8.178; On August 6, 1998, Project Telephone filed a tariff page to change their service boundary in order to provide service to a customer who has no service at this time. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(410) In the matter of TN1941; Dean M. and Eva M. Gross dba The Taxi, Glendive, Montana request the cancellation of PSC No. 9395 effective August 30, 1998.

Class B - Passengers within the City of Glendive, Montana and between points tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of fifty (50) miles in any direction from

said city.

Limitations: (1)Transportation of BNSF train crews is prohibited, and (2) Transportation of passengers by limousine is prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the cancellation. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(411) In the matter of T-98.27.OTSC; In the matter of the cancellation of PSC No. 9401, Clifford Schollmeyer and Tracy Burr, a partnership dba Arrow Stage Lines, Lame Deer, Montana for failure to maintain liability insurance. An Order to Show Cause was issued on July 29, 1998 and received by the motor carrier via certified mail on August 4, 1998. No response has been received.

Class A - Persons between Colstrip, Montana and Billings, Montana over Highway 39 to Highway 212, and Highway 212 to Interstates 90 and 94, serving intermediate points of Lame Deer, Busby, and Crow Agency, Montana only.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the cancellation. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(412) In the matter of T-98.26.RI; On July 24, 1998 Montana Tariff Bureau, agent, for and on behalf of Discover Moving & Storage, Inc., Great Falls, Montana, filed a request for increased distance commodity rates of fifteen (15) percent. This increase would apply only when other carriers, booking agents, brokerage firms or others not holding Montana intrastate household goods authority tender a third party shipment with the understanding that they expect a commission or fee for their participation.

The last date for protest of this rate increase was August 19, 1998. No protests have been received.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) from Helena and points within a radius of 250 miles in any direction from said city to all points and places within the State of Montana and from all points and places within the State of Montana to Helena and points and places within a radius of 250 miles in any direction from said city.

Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the rate increase. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5-0. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(413) In the matter of T-98.28.RI; On July 24, 1998 Frank L. and Emma C. Johnston dba Miles City Cab, Miles City, Montana filed a request to increase rates and charges in Passenger Tariff No. 1 on zone fares of between fifteen (15) and thirty-six (36) percent and an increase in out-of-zone mileage base rate from \$3.00 to \$4.25. The last date for protest of this rate increase was August 19, 1998. No protests have been received.

Class B - Persons in the City of Miles City, Montana and between points tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city. Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the rate increase. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(414) In the matter of TN1942; Sunshine Shuttle, Inc., Missoula, Montana requests a final six month suspension of PSC No. 9380, August 6, 1998 to February 6, 1999.

Class B - Passengers (children age fourteen (14) and under) between points and places in the City of Missoula, Montana, and a five (5) mile radius thereof.

Limitations: Transportation is restricted to children age fourteen (14) and under.

2) Transportation is restricted to service in vehicles with a rated seating capacity of twelve (12) passengers or less. 3) Transportation of passengers in motor coaches, buses, and limousines is prohibited. 4) Transportation service and tariff rates must be by individual fares only and operations as a charter service is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend for a final six months. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 24, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner

Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson

(415) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Letter to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); Commissioner Anderson moved to sign on the joint letter of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon to BPA recommending principles to guide subscription. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 25, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and left proxies, written votes and did not vote on some issues as designated below.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(416) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC pricing docket - Docket D98.8.192; Commissioner Rowe moved to open a docket to establish USWC wholesale pricing and request comments on procedural schedule. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe cast Commissioner McCaffree's proxy aye.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(417) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC - Dakota Services Interconnection Agreement - Docket D98.6.125; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the final order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree left a written vote of aye.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney

(418) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FCC's Request on Public Pay Telephones; Commissioner Oberg moved to authorize Chair to write FCC on MPSC action on public pay telephone issues. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner McCaffree's proxy aye.

(419) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of ETC designation "complaints of TelNet" - Docket D98.1.8, D98.6.140 and D98.6.151; Commissioner Rowe moved to close these three pending dockets. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree left a written vote of aye.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(420) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T tariff filing - Docket N98.8.181; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant interim approval of the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree left no vote or proxy on this issue.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(421) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Natural Gas Licensing; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Prairie Lands a protective order. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner McCaffree's proxy aye.

Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner McCaffree's proxy aye. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant TransCanada its permanent license. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner McCaffree's proxy aye.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(422) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Electric Supplier

License Applications -
Docket N98.7.169, N98.7.172, N98.7.188 and N98.7.189; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant approval of licenses to Duke Energy and Montana League of Cities and Towns, grant Montana Power & Trading and Rainbow limited licenses and defer action on City of Helena. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson cast Commissioner McCaffree's proxy aye.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(423) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of OCC Docket - 94.2.8; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the order (subject to editing) closing the docket. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree left a written vote of aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, August 26, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(424) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Rate Rebalancing - Docket

D96.12.220; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the final order subject to editing. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Fisher and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Fisher cast Commissioner McCaffree's proxy aye. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe dissented.

Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order ordering the pass thru of US West access reductions as a result of Final Order in D96.12.220. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree did not leave a vote or proxy on this issue.

Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the Pay Phone motion to strike. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree did not leave a vote or proxy on this issue.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 31, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(425) In the matter of PacifiCorp - Docket D97.7.91; Action on Motion for Protective Order, approval of Protective Order No. 5987f, protecting distribution sale information. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Protective Order 5987g. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

Additional Item:

(426) In the matter of Havre Pipelines' request for late intervention by Montana Consumer Counsel; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant late intervention. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

Items 427, 428 and 429 were acted on with one motion:

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the cancellations and terminations of
PSC
No. 9393, PSC
No. 9376 and PSC No. 9390.

(427) In the matter of TN1943; Snowy Mountain Charters, Inc., Lewistown, Montana requests the cancellation and termination of PSC No. 9393.

Class B - Passengers in charter service (1) between all points and places in the State of Montana. Transportation must originate and terminate in Fergus, Judith Basin, Petroleum, or Wheatland Counties. (2) between points in Fergus County and the Billings Regional Airport.

(428) In the matter of TN1944; The McGree Corporation, Butte, Montana requests the cancellation and termination of PSC No. 9376.

Class B - Persons and baggage by charter between points in Silver Bow County on the one hand and points and places in Montana on the other.

Limitations: 1. Transportation of passengers from Butte, Montana to Helena, Montana and points within a ten (10) miles thereof is prohibited. 2. Transportation of passengers from points in Lewis and Clark County, Montana to points in Silver Bow County, Montana is prohibited. 3. Transportation of passengers which both originates and terminates within a radius of fifty-five (55) miles of Butte, Montana is prohibited. 4. Transportation of passengers in limousine service between points in Silver Bow County on the one hand and points in Beaverhead, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Granite, Powell, and Ravalli Counties on the other hand is prohibited.

(429) In the matter of TN1945; James Madison, Jefferson City, Montana requests the cancellation and termination of PSC No. 9390.

Class B - Passengers in charter service from points in Cascade, Gallatin, and Lewis & Clark Counties to points within Beaverhead, Big Horn, Carbon, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Glacier, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Lake, Lincoln, Madison, Ravalli, Silver Bow, Valley, and Yellowstone Counties and return.

Limitations: 1) Transportation of railroad crews is prohibited. 2) Transportation provided by luxury limousines is prohibited. 3) Transportation is limited to that utilizing vehicles with no more than a fourteen (14) passenger capacity. 4) Transportation of airline crews to or from points in Lewis & Clark County is prohibited. 5) In Lewis & Clark County, pickup and transportation is limited to the transportation needs of senior citizen groups, veterans groups, church groups, wine tasting groups, community concert association groups and theater groups.

(430) In the matter of TN1946; City Transfer Line of Butte, Montana, a Montana Corporation, requests permission to suspend PSC No. 1790 for a six month period, August 23, 1998 to February 23, 1999.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) between all points in the State of Montana over any public highways.

Class C - Property within the City of Butte, Montana and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend PSC No. 1790 for six months. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

(431) In the matter of TN1947; Minnie Boothman and Robert E. Lee dba Libby Cab, Libby, Montana request permission to suspend PSC No. 8637 for a six month period, August 9, 1998 to February 9, 1999.

Class B - Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places within Lincoln County.

Limitations: Transportation of Burlington Northern Railroad crews is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend PSC no. 8637 for six months. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(432) In the matter of the approval of Commission Calendar for October 1998;
Commissioner Oberg

moved to approve the Commission Calendar of the month of October 1998.
Commissioner Rowe
seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 31, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not leave votes on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(433) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Southern Montana Telephone Company and US West Motion to Change Hearing Date - Docket D97.11.225; Commissioner Oberg moved to deny US West motion to vacate the hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-1. Commissioners Fisher, Anderson and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 31, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not leave votes on this issue.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(434) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Southern Montana Telephone Company Access Rate Increase - Docket D97.11.225; Commissioner Oberg moved to reconsider the previous action and vacate present hearing date and reschedule for October 8, 1998. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:
Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)